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- 1. I REGRET THAT YOU AND THE VENEZUELANS RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT SY TOOK NO ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR SECURITY WHILE THEY VISITED THE U.S.
- 2. ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT BELIEVE PERSONAL PROTECTION BY SY WAS INDICATED IN THESE TWO CASES, WE WERE DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES BE THOROUGHLY BRIEFED AND ADVISED OF THE DETAILS OF THE VISITS. THIS, IN FACT, WAS DONE IN BOTH CASES AND I BELIEVE THAT THE ARMED GUARDS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PERMITTED FREE PASSAGE HAD NOT LOCAL AUTHORITIES MADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS.

- 3. I AM SENDING YOU, UNDER SEPARATE COVER, COPIES OF OUR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE NEW YORK AND MIAMI FIELD OFFICES RELATING TO THESE VISITS.
- 4. NOTWITHSTANDING THE ABOVE, I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT

WE WILL TAKE SPECIAL CARE IN THE FUTURE WHEN SUCH REQUESTS ARE RECEIVED FROM VENEZUELA. CHRISTOPHER

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